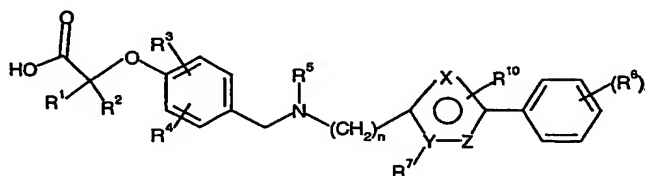


What is claimed is:

1. A compound of formula (I) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or hydrolysable ester thereof, wherein:



(1)

Wherein:

R^1 and R^2 are independently H or C_{1-3} alkyl;

R^3 and R^4 are independently H, C_{1-3} alkyl, OCH_3 , CF_3 , allyl, or halogen;

n is 0 or 1

At least one of X , Z and Y represents a heteroatom selected from O, S or N;

Each R^6 is independently C_{1-3} alkyl, CF_3 , OCH_3 , OCF_3 , or halogen;

y is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5;

R^7 is H, CF_3 , C_{1-6} alkyl (optionally substituted by phenyl wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted by -O-C_{1-3} alkyl), or C_{1-6} alkenyl with the proviso that when Z is S or O, R^7 is H;

R^{10} is H or C_{1-3} alkyl;

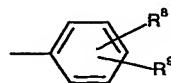
R^5 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkyl -O-C_{1-3} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkenyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, (each of which may be optionally substituted by one or more halogens), or a group $\text{-CH}_2\text{-D}$

wherein D is



wherein P represents O, N or S (note that when P is N, the depicted bond can be attached to the nitrogen in the ring as well as any of the carbons in the ring).

or



wherein R^8 and R^9 independently represent H, halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or -OC_{1-6} alkyl.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein R^1 and R^2 are independently H or C_{1-3} alkyl.

3. A compound according to claim 2 wherein R¹ and R² are both H or both methyl.

4. A compound according to claim 3 wherein R¹ and R² are both methyl.

5. A compound according to any one of claims 1 - 4 wherein R³ and R⁴ are independently H, CH₃ or Cl.

6. A compound according to any of claims 1 - 5 wherein R³ and R⁴ are ortho to the depicted O atom.

7. A compound according to claim 6 wherein R³ and R⁴ are both methyl.

8. A compound according to claim 6 wherein R³ is methyl or Cl and R⁴ is H.

9. A compound according to any of claims 1 - 8 wherein the heterocyclic group comprising X, Y and Z atoms is a 1, 2, 4 oxadiazole, oxazole, thiazole or pyrazole group.

10. A compound according to claim 9 wherein Z represents N and one of X and Y represents CH.

11. A compound according to claim 10 wherein Z represents N and X represents CH.

12. A compound according to claim 10 wherein Z represents N, X represents S and Y represents CH.

13. A compound according to any preceding claim wherein R⁶ is halogen -OCF₃ or -CF₃.

14. A compound according to claim 14 wherein R⁶ is CF₃.

15. A compound according to any preceding claim wherein y represents 1.

16. A compound according to claim 15 wherein the substituent R⁶ is in the para position.

17. A compound according to any preceding claim wherein R¹⁰ is H or CH₃.

18. A compound according to claim 17 wherein R¹⁰ is H.

19. A compound according to any preceding claims wherein R^7 is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-3} alkenyl, $-CH_2$ -phenyl (wherein the phenyl is optionally substituted by $-OCH_3$).

5 20. A compound according to any preceding claim wherein R^5 is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, $-CH_2D$ (wherein D is defined in claim 1) $-CH_2CF_3$, C_{1-3} alkyl-O- CH_3 .

21. A compound according to claim 1 - 20 for use in therapy.

10 22. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 - 20.

23. Use of a compound according to claim 1 - 20 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a hPPAR disease or condition.

15 24. Use according to claim 23 wherein the hPPAR mediated disease or condition is dyslipidemia, syndrome X, heart failure, hypercholesteremia, cardiovascular disease, type II diabetes mellitus, type I diabetes, insulin resistance, hyperlipidemia, obesity, anorexia bulimia and anorexia nervosa

20 25. A method of treating a hPPAR mediated disease or condition in a patient comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 - 20.

25 26. A method according to claim 25 wherein the hPPAR mediated disease or condition is dyslipidemia, syndrome X, heart failure, hypercholesteremia, cardiovascular disease, type II diabetes mellitus, type I diabetes, insulin resistance, hyperlipidemia, obesity, anorexia bulimia and anorexia nervosa.